

**PATENT**

Docket No. 2880/396

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**BIOABSORBABLE BAND SYSTEM**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is entered:

was filed on	as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number	and was amended on (if applicable)
September 9, 2003	10/657,087	

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119(a-d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Number	Filing Date

**PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)**

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

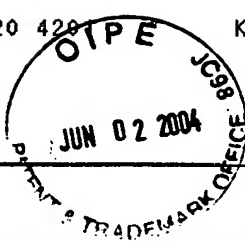
Application Number	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

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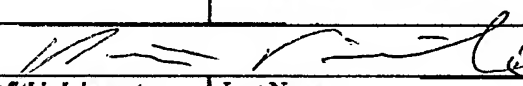
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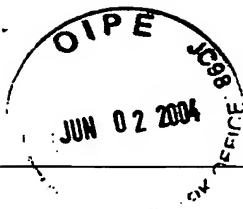
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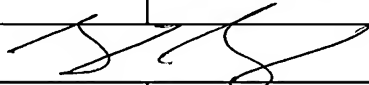
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